

I have had XM satellite radio since last Decenber (2003) and listen to it 8 to 14 hours a day while driving. I love having the ability to get each XM channel and program (at a specific time) wherever I am, and be free of electrical and other interferences (fading and loosing station when program I want to listen to is still on) that create problems with AM and FM. I also greatly appreciate XM's traffic and weather channel. As a trucker I go through Chicago almost every day. As I am approaching the area I listen to XM's Instant Traffic and Weather for Chicago, and to WBBM AM780 to get an idea what traffic is doing and what route will be best to get through the area. I appreciate having both because by listening to both I get a better picture of what traffic is doing. I also really like being able to tune to XM and get the traffic right now, not 10 minutes from now. Sometimes that 10 minutes can make the difference in getting slowed in traffic, or taking another route and missing the backup. I feel that unless the NAB is willing to have a station broadcasting traffic 24/7 (not just every 10/15 minutes) there is no grounds for their petition to stop XM's Instant Traffic and Weather. I pay to recieve XM's signal and do not think that NAB has any right to tell me what is best for me to listen to. They do not have anything to compare with what XM is offering. I urge you to reject the NAB's petition 04-160 and I support XM's ability to provide the kind of programming that I demand and deserve.